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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the "Claim of Benefit to Prior Application" on page 1, lines 1-11, and insert therein a new Claim of Benefit to Prior Applications as follows:

--CLAIM OF BENEFIT TO PRIOR APPLICATIONS

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This application is a continuation application of United States Patent Application entitled "Routing Method and Apparatus that Utilizes Diagonal Routes," filed on

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